**COMMENT OF THE DAY****The Soviet Note**

SHORN of its three specific proposals—that a peace conference be held, a provisional unified government established, and the holding of free elections—the latest Soviet Note to the Big Three relating to the future of Germany amounts to little more than a long list of complaints against the Western Allies and the West German Government of Dr Adenauer. Nor do the Russian allegations cover any new ground. There is the familiar protestation that it is the United States, Britain and France who have prevented any progress being made in the conclusion of a German peace treaty and unification of the country; and the equally familiar charge that the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Defence Community are both aimed at remilitarising Western Germany and to intimidate the "people's democracies" in Europe and elsewhere. Five-sixths of the Note, in fact, is merely a preamble, phrased in a critical and unconciliatory style, more likely to deter the Big Three from accepting proposals for a conference than to encourage them to sit down with Russia and East German delegates for the purpose of working out a peace treaty. The general tone of the Note is surly and vindictive. As an endeavour to offer an historical survey of the German problem it is almost laughable. The background which the Russians have striven to provide is distorted in fact and amounts to nothing more than cheap propaganda. The conclusions which the Soviets reach as to why Germany remains divided and why no general peace treaty has been drawn up are wholly unsupported by established facts.

THE three concrete proposals which the Kremlin makes are of more importance. In the first place it is suggested that a peace conference should be convened within the next six months. There can be no serious objection to this proposition. Secondly, the Russians advocate the creation of a provisional all-German Government. Its status and functions immediately raise controversy. The Soviets envisage it replacing the existing Bonn and East German governments, yet at the same time comprising elements of both. It is extremely doubtful whether any such uneasy partnership could function satisfactorily. The alternative of establishing a provisional government whose functions would be strictly defined and limited to preparing for free general elections is rather more palatable, and probably more practicable. Nevertheless the Russians appear to desire to invest the provisional government with too much authority, namely that not only should it organise all-German elections, but should be free to supervise them. It has long been a contention of the Western Powers that in the matter of all-German elections they must firstly be conducted according to the system employed in the Western democracies, and secondly that there should be independent supervision to ensure that the elections conform to established principles of the free and secret ballot. Without this safeguard the Western Allies have every right to fear that the elections would fall short of essential requirements. The Soviet Note possesses its interesting points, but much needs to be clarified before the Big Three can agree to join in a peace conference.

EDGAR SANDERS PARDONED

Hungarian Govt's Action

OVER 3 YEARS IN GAOL

Vienna, Aug. 17.

Mr Edgar Sanders, imprisoned British businessman, has been pardoned by the Hungarian authorities, Budapest Radio said tonight.

The 49-year-old Russian-born representative of the Standard Electric Company was given a 13-year gaol sentence after a trial in Budapest People's Court.

An American colleague, Mr Robert Vogeler, sentenced with him, was released two years ago.

Budapest Radio said the decision to pardon Mr Sanders had been taken by the Presidential Council headed by Mr Istvan Dobi. It did not say when he would be released.

Mr Sanders is married and has three children.

Moroccan Nationalists Blamed For Disturbances

Paris, Aug. 17. General Augustin Guillaume, French Resident-General in Morocco, today blamed Moroccan Nationalists for rioting which cost the lives of 32 Frenchmen and Moroccans in the past two days.

He told reporters at Casablanca, before flying to Paris to report on the explosive Moroccan situation, that "we have proof these disorders were knowingly provoked by the Istiqlal (Nationalist) Party."

Though the country was quiet as he left, hundreds of police still guarded the European section of Casablanca.

Earlier today they had seized 400 metal skewers, sharpened and fitted with handles, in the old Arab quarter of the town.

M. Vinot, of the personal staff of M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, flew back to Paris with General Guillaume.

He was with the General at Marakesh over the weekend when he persuaded 350 tribal chiefs to drop the plan of sacking Sultan Mohammed Ben Yussuf.

A COMPROMISE The chiefs, headed by Si Thami el Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakesh, compromised by proclaiming an elderly relative of the Sultan, Oulay Mohammed Ben Arafat, as spiritual head of Morocco's 7,000,000 Moslems in place of the Sultan.

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They added: "It is not the first time that Moslem peoples have risen against sovereigns who have abandoned the way of religion," and they gave as examples ex-Kings Amanullah of Afghanistan and Farouk of Egypt.—Reuters.

Not Divided, Even In Death

London, Aug. 17.

Martin and Ann Butterworth were the perfect Darby and Joan couple to the villagers of Weston Hills.

They had been together for 35 years. Not once throughout their married lives had they been parted.

They had never had a holiday, never seen a filmshow and never been to London less than 100 miles away.

Ann, 73, died yesterday. Martin, 80, former worker all his life, died today.

They will be buried together in the little parish church on Wednesday.—China Mail Special.

Freed And Expelled

London, Aug. 17.

Budapest Radio, as heard in London tonight, said that British businessman Edgar Sanders had already been freed and expelled from Hungary.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said he had received no official information from the British Ambassador in Hungary that Mr Sanders had been released, but it was "almost certainly true."—Reuters.

Big 3 Offer To Russia

London, Aug. 17.

Britain retaliated by demanding the recall of a Hungarian diplomat from Britain and the closing of the Hungarian Cultural Institute in London.

Then in May 1950 Hungary proposed three more members of the British Legation staff in Budapest. Britain replied with a demand for the recall of another Hungarian Attaché in London.

By April 1951, Britain had made four formal demands on Hungary for the release of Mr Sanders.

Britain kept up her efforts to obtain Mr Sanders' release, and in February 1953 the Foreign Office announced that Hungary had offered to barter Mr Sanders for Lee Ten Tai, alias Lee Meng, 25-year-old girl leader of the Malayan Communist terrorists under sentence of death.

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A thirty-six inch water-main broke in East 14th Street, New York, flooding a subway station and causing an explosion which ripped up the road. It flooded shops and ruined goods worth thousands of dollars, and caused a column of boiling water to shoot 40 storeys high. Nobody was hurt, but 1,000 spectators were evacuated from a nearby cinema.—London Express.

FRENCH STRIKE SITUATION WORSENS

FIRM STAND BY LANIEL

Paris, Aug. 17.

The French strike crisis took a serious turn for the worse tonight as the Prime Minister, M. Joseph Laniel, refused to continue negotiations until all strikers had gone back to work.

He warned that new emergency measures would be brought into force if everybody was not at work by tomorrow morning.

This followed secret talks between Government and labour leaders since last Wednesday. Socialist and Catholic Union leaders reacted promptly to M. Laniel's challenge by declaring that the strikes would continue.

No hint was given at the Prime Minister's office of what new measures the Government would take to defeat the strikers.

But it was thought likely that powers to requisition workers and of going to prison would be much more widely used than hitherto, that more army lorries would be put on the streets of Paris; that army engineers would be drafted into the post office to ensure provincial and foreign telephone communications; and that troops would be drafted into the capital to help the police to maintain order should that become necessary.

NO RESPONSE

The Soviet Government has not responded to this request. Furthermore the Soviet Government declined to attend the meeting of the Austrian treaty deputies called for May 27 in London.

The British Government suggested in their note of July 15 that the Austrian treaty should be discussed at the meeting of the four foreign ministers.

"But in view of the Soviet Government's note of July 30, and so as to conclude an Austrian treaty as soon as possible, the British Government proposed that the treaty deputies be convened in London on August 31, 1953, in order to discharge their obligations to report on this matter to the foreign ministers.

"On the understanding that there will be no extraneous issues raised and that the Soviet Government is prepared to conclude a treaty for Austria which will ensure Austria's political and economic independence, and requesting the Soviet Government to inform them of the exact text of the treaty which the Soviet Government was prepared to conclude.

"The Socialist Force Ouvrière trade union Federation announced in a communiqué tonight that the Government had asked for a reply today to certain proposals it had made. But further examination was needed and so the request could not be complied with," said the communiqué.

Negotiations with the Government had been broken off "for the time being."

The executive committee will meet again on Tuesday morning. Later a joint meeting with the Catholic union leaders will also take place.

The Force Ouvrière asked its members to remain calm.

WHAT HAPPENED

M. René Boheron, Secretary-General of the Force Ouvrière Federation, gave Reuters this description of negotiations with the Government:

"The Premier saw me and the Catholic representatives at seven o'clock last night. We had an almost all-night meeting in the course of which we made proposals which the Premier said he could not accept.

"The Government made counter-proposals, but they were not what we had hoped for. The meeting broke up at dawn. We handed a new set of proposals to the Premier at seven o'clock tonight, but knowing the attitude of the Government, we had already decided to continue the strike."

M. Boheron would not reveal what the latest labour proposals were.

M. Laniel tonight broadcast to all French strikers and asked them to return to work by tomorrow morning.

He said no further talks between the Government and unions could take place until work had been resumed.

Premier Laniel, after an all-day talk with union leaders, announced that further negotiations would not take place until everybody had returned to work.

He said: "I ask everybody to end the strike tomorrow. Tuesday, I hope, the union leaders

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MR VYSHINSKY KEEPS QUIET

UN Meeting Passes Off Without Incident

New York, Aug. 18.

The United Nations Political Committee will today (Tuesday) discuss the question of setting up a Korean political conference.

The task was passed to the Committee last night by the General Assembly after a seven-minute formal plenary session.

Delegates anxiously watched Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, heading the Soviet team of eight, to see if he would make a move to bring up the controversial issue of representation for Communist China.

But the Russian sat quietly in his seat, and Western members heaved a sigh of relief.

A Soviet group source said they wanted neutral countries represented at the political conference. They were in favour of a round table conference rather than across the table of opposite sides.

This view coincides with that held by Britain, which has backed an invitation to the Soviet Union and India to the conference, and has said that the deliberations should be of the "round table" variety rather than across the table exchanges.—Reuters.

SMUGGLERS CAUGHT

Naples, Aug. 17.

Italian Customs announced today that they seized 7½ tons of contraband American cigarettes valued at 100 million lire from a motor schooner, which they alleged was flying the British flag.

The Italian police said they had boarded the schooner, which they said bore the name Fadina and probably came from Tangier, south of the island of Capri.

Seven men on the schooner, a British subject from Gibraltar, five Spaniards and a Sicilian—were arrested and were being held in Naples. The police said the seizure of the schooner's holds was one of the biggest police coupes since the war against smugglers began seven years ago.—Reuters.

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Churchill Urged To Put An End To The Mystery

London, Aug. 17. — Sir Winston Churchill is being pressed to put an end to the mystery of his illness and to say whether he will soon resume the full burdens of the Premiership—or retire.

Most of the agitation comes from newspapers. But it reflects public and political anxiety.

It is now over seven weeks since the dramatic announcement that the Western Big Three talks at Bermuda were shelved because Sir Winston Churchill had been ordered to rest.

The public is still trying to guess what really was wrong with the Prime Minister—a task made none the easier by world speculation on strokes, cerebral anemia, heart attacks and the like.

The mass circulation *Daily Mirror* gave over its front page today a banner headlined asking: "What is the truth about Churchill's 'illness'?" and demanding why the British people should not be told about it.

Speculation has been going on for more than a month, and the Prime Minister has steadfastly declined to do anything about it.

He can remain silent for weeks longer. Parliament does not meet until mid-October and he can work as easily from his country residence—as he has done in past recesses—as from Downing Street.

Meanwhile, the facts, and probabilities, can be summed up thus:

Sir Winston Churchill, who was officially described as suffer-

THE QUESTION

He was bubbling over with high spirits.

But he also looked his age, nearly 79.

Politicians ask, whether, having had one warning from his admittedly exceptional constitution, he can ever ask as much of it again.

Those who have known the Prime Minister longest cannot say him retiring unless he is convinced his health will no longer stand the strain.

On the other hand, they declare he would not cling to office if he could not throw his full weight into the job. For a man of his temperament, that would be an insupportable position.

EDEN'S RETURN

Sir Winston Churchill, with his naturally buoyant outlook, is evidently hoping that when it becomes necessary to resume all his old duties at Downing Street he will be fit enough.

That seems clear from the fact that he has announced his "on duty" throughout August and has allowed his "acting Prime Minister," Mr. R. A. Butler, to go off holiday.

The Prime Minister is unlikely to commit himself to any announcement of future plans until his official deputy, Mr. Anthony Eden, returns from Greece, where he is now making a successful recovery from operations for gall bladder and bile duct trouble. Mr. Eden's return would ensure Sir Winston does not have to resume the abnormal burden he was carrying up to last June. Then he "doubled" as Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, which caused his own breakdown.

China Mail Special.

They found very large unshelled areas existing in the western part of the Indian Ocean at great distances off the East Coast of Africa.

The report said there was a fishable area of 7,000 square miles within three days steaming of the Seychelles, which lie about 1,000 miles off the East African coast. — China Mail Special.

To Visit Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 17.

The United States Consul-

General's office announced today that the United States 241st Destroyer Division, consisting of four destroyers, would visit Singapore on August 21 for two days. — Reuter.

SEARCH FOR

MISSING

LINK" FISH

Freight, Aug. 17.

Searched for further specimens

of the Coelacanth, missing link

fish with "arms" like a man,

will probably be launched next

year under the auspices of six

governments interested in scien-

tific research in Africa south of

the Sahara.

A five-foot-long, 100-lb speci-

men of the Coelacanth was

caught last December by a local

fisherman in the French Comoro

Islands in the Mozambique

Charmel.

Earlier thought to have been

extinct for 50 million years, the

Coelacanth has arm-like fins. It

may be the missing link between

man and his ancestors of the sea.

Dr. P. J. du Toit, Chairman of

the Council of this research,

said today that the French

Government had asked for a

joint expedition to be organised

for the Coelacanth in French

waters.

Dr. du Toit, just returned

from the Council's meeting at

Tannanive, Madagascar, said

the Council would probably

organise an expedition for the

1954 season. — China Mail

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PELLA CABINET GOING BEFORE PARLIAMENT

Rome, Aug. 18. — Italy's new minority stop-gap Government will go before Parliament tomorrow to ask for a vote of confidence giving it a life of about three months.

The new Government, composed of Christian Democrats and headed by the Party's economic expert, 51-year-old Signor Giuseppe Pella, held its first Cabinet meeting last night and approved a statement of policy after being sworn in by the President, Signor Luigi Einaudi.

Only Communists and left-wing Socialists were expected to vote against the Government's confidence motion in Parliament.

The support of the Christian Democratic Party and the support or abstention of all other parties, including Monarchists and neo-Fascists, was expected to give the Cabinet a safe majority.

Signor Pella said the main purpose of his Government was to give the country's eight parties time to sort themselves out of the deadlock which in the last nine weeks has caused one Government to fall as soon as it went before Parliament and another to disintegrate a few hours before it was due to be presented to the President of the Republic.

The deadlock resulted from Italy's second post-war general elections in June, which showed a big increase in both left and right wings and defeat of the centre parties' effort to gain half the nation's votes and an automatic bonus of seats in Parliament.

For the first time in nine years the former Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, inspicer of Italy's strongly pro-American policy in recent years, will be seated among the ranks of the Christian Democrat Party in the Chamber of Deputies instead of in the centre of the Government bench.

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President Eisenhower Makes Report To Congress On The Far East

Washington, Aug. 17.

President Eisenhower in a report today to Congress on the Mutual Security Administration said victory was far from won in France's war against Communism in Indo-China.

But, he said, shipments of United States arms and equipment had been of major importance in improving the critical military situation there and denying Communist ambitions for control of all South-East Asia.

Additional emphasis was being placed on building up the national armies of the Associated States and in time the Indo-Chinese forces should be able to take over a larger share of the burden of protecting their fellow countrymen from Communist attack.

BRITANNIA'S UNSINKABLE LIFEBOATS

The new Royal yacht, Britannia, is to have lifeboats which will be made unsinkable by fibreglass.

Known as jolly-boats, the new craft will be 27ft long and able to carry 21 people.

The Admiralty, announcing that two of the new-type boats are now being built at Poole, say they are fitted with an elaborate system of buoyancy tanks made of fibreglass plastic material.

The new jolly-boat may mean the passing for sea-rescue work of the 27ft. whaler, which has been the Navy's regulation pulling boat, and, to a lesser extent, the 32ft. sailing cutter.

The jolly-boat, which resembles a small Royal National Lifeboat Institution lifeboat, has a speed of seven knots.

It is powered with a diesel engine which can be started up while the boat is still in the davits.

Also in Britain will be the 40ft. Royal Barge, two 35ft. Admirals' barges and two motor cutters.

A New Rayon Staple

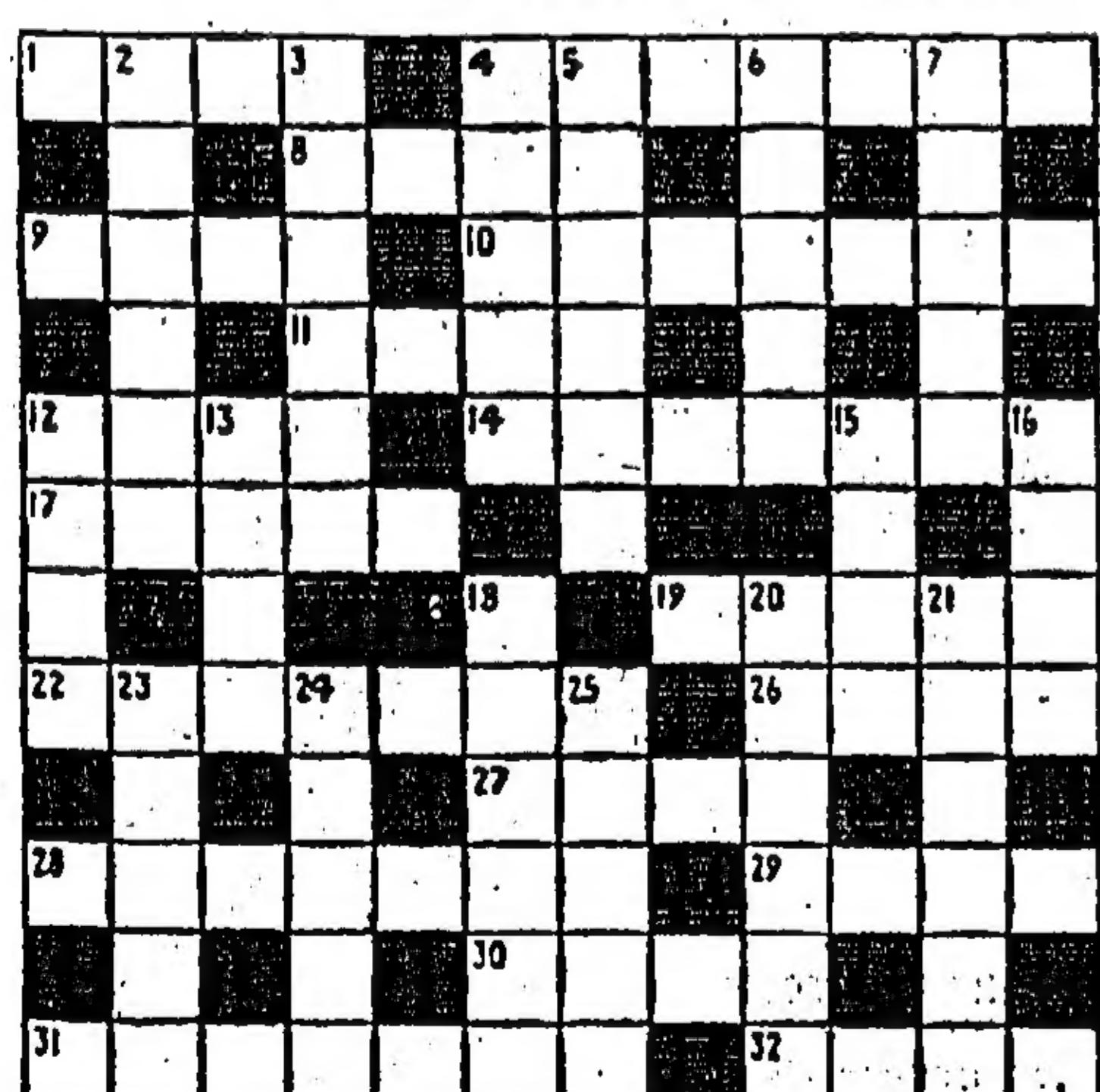
New York, Aug. 17.

The stronger rayon staple which American Viscose Corporation has had in the experimental stage for some time is nearing a point where limited commercial production may soon be started, according to trade sources in New York.

Production of the staple to date has been confined to pilot operations, it is understood. This type of staple is to be run in a commercial plant of the company this month.

The new rayon has a strength claimed to be 20 per cent greater than regular staple in the dry state and 30 per cent greater than regular staple wet.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Galt (4).
- 4 Tied up (7).
- 6 Uncommon (4).
- 8 Indian coin (4).
- 10 Men (7).
- 12 Cipher (4).
- 14 Volume (4).
- 17 Divert (6).
- 18 Foundation (5).
- 22 Beg (7).
- 26 Dispatched (4).
- 27 Frolic (4).
- 28 Prefect (7).
- 29 Object of worship (4).
- 31 Venerates (7).
- 32 Expanded (4).

DOWN

- 2 Buy back (6).
- 3 Trails (6).
- 4 Commerce (5).
- 5 Disclose (6).
- 6 Support (5).
- 7 Keen (5).
- 11 Unadorned (4).
- 13 Besides (4).
- 16 Bird's home (4).
- 18 Abundance (6).
- 20 Requesting (6).
- 21 Chant (6).
- 23 Running knot (6).
- 25 Elevate (6).
- 26 Weeds (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Desist, 5 Oast, 10 Robust, 16 Spares, 20 Dread, 22 Fawnd, 27 Ethic, 28 Adore, 30 Curly, 31 Venerates, 32 Expanded. Down—1 Depleted, 2 Surprise, 3 Stig, 4 Tailor, 5 Onibus, 6 Spades, 7 Edwards, 8 Tattered, 10 Radiate, 11 Rigid, 12 Eam, 13 Beast, 14 Attituded, 15 Tormentor, 16 Radiate, 17 Boreen, 18 Fasted, 21 Round, 24 Derry.

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Funeral Of A General



King Paul of Greece, members of the Cabinet and high military officials attended the State Funeral in Athens recently of General Plastiras. Here the impressive funeral procession is seen on the way to the cemetery.—Express Photo.

Edinburgh Music Festival May Set A New Mark

Edinburgh, Aug. 17.

A record number of visitors from Britain and many other parts of the world is expected to pour into Scotland's beautiful capital for the Seventh International Festival of Music and Drama which opens on August 23.

Every year, since the first Festival was held in 1947, has proved that this great artistic event is not only international in its programme, but also in its appeal. Records show that last year music and drama lovers came to Scotland from at least 55 countries.

The Edinburgh Festival can now be regarded as one of Britain's best dollar earners. In 1952, it is certain that more than 300,000 visitors stayed or were brought into Edinburgh during the three weeks of the Festival.

Japan—Japan would be faced by an economic crisis, President Eisenhower warned, unless greatly increased trade with non-Communist nations, particularly those of the Far East, was developed.

The United States should encourage Japan to formulate "realistic and far-sighted" economic policies.

Mr. Eisenhower said that the progress of all countries of the Far East was immeasurably influenced by the economic health and security of Japan.

GREAT RESERVES

But, he said, despite existing links with the rest of free Asia "Japan has great reserves of technical skills and productive capacity which are not now being fully utilized in building the economic strength of the region".

Mr. Eisenhower said that though significant economic progress had been made since the end of the second world war in rebuilding industries and restoring international trade, Japan's commercial exports during the first half of this year had been far below the level of a year ago, and sterling reserves were nearly exhausted.

It had been possible to pay for increasing imports only on the basis of extraordinary dollar receipts, amounting to approximately US\$800,000,000 a year, which were derived from procurement for United Nations forces in Korea, the support of American security forces in Japan and the purchase of yen by those forces for their personnel requirements.

"As this temporary source of funds begins to dry up, Japan will be faced with crisis, unless in the meantime greatly augmented, foreign trade with the free world, and particularly with the developing nations of the region, has been fostered," Mr. Eisenhower said.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS

"At present, the level of this trade is held down by various factors including high Japanese costs, import restrictions throughout the free world, reparations stalemates and lingering distrust of the Japanese.

"In these circumstances, the United States Government should encourage Japan to formulate realistic and far-sighted economic policies. To assist in the development of such policies, we are seeking careful programming of United States procurement in Japan, and are encouraging the growth of mutually beneficial trade and investment among the five countries of the region."

The President's report called for a re-examination of trade restrictions which prevented European and Japanese manufacturers from entering the United States market.—Editor.

VARYING REACTION TO RUSSIAN NOTE ON GERMANY

French Sceptical: Berlin Approves

London, Aug. 17.

Russia's surprise note proposing a German peace conference within the next six months met a guarded first reception in Europe today.

But as the Western Chancelleries got down to studying the note in detail two contrasting reactions became apparent.

In West Berlin, politicians and newspaper editors representing widely differing political standpoints took up the view that the Soviet proposals could not be cast aside with a blunt rejection.

Social Democratic and Right-wing comment stressed that there was hope of investigating the offer as something now.

But in Paris, Rome and Bonn the reception was not enthusiastic in unofficial circles. Sources close to the French Ministry underlined the fact that the note offered "little that was new".

Meanwhile in Paris, Bonn and Vienna, the Foreign Ministers declined to make any comment for the moment.

But this time the very concrete proposals at least name the price Moscow wants to pay for the neutralisation of Germany.

"There cannot be a simple 'No' to this note. Nor can it be answered by evasive manoeuvres. The concrete proposals call for discussion. They contain a moral obligation for mutual negotiations".

Der Kurier said large circles might regard the Soviet note as a trap.

"But this time the very concrete proposals at least name the price Moscow wants to pay for the neutralisation of Germany."

"All this is designed to make Germans swallow that one rock—the Oder-Nelisse border."

Another Christian Democrat evening newspaper, Der Abend, took a contrasting point of view. It said there was not much sense in going into the details of the note because its arguments had been used so often.—China Mail Special.

MISSION TO MOSCOW

Berlin, Aug. 17.

The East German Government decided today to send a delegation to Moscow to discuss the question of the unification of Germany.

The East German Cabinet announced that Premier Otto Grotewohl and Vice-Premiers Walter Ulbricht and Otto Nuschke would be members of the delegation to the Soviet capital. The delegation would contain 15 members in all.

Grotewohl told the Cabinet at today's special meeting that "all peace-loving Germans greet this new initiative of the Soviet Government with joy and gratitude", it was announced in a communiqué issued by the Premier's office.

The Soviet conditions were viewed in the French capital as unacceptable to the West, it was said they would only confuse the issue.

FRENCH FEAR

It was feared that some West German quarters might be tempted to think that merely by sitting down at a table with the East Germans unification could be achieved.

French sources were also concerned at the Soviet Union's references to the need to call for the participation of so-called "Democratic organisations".

On reparations, French observers said that since the Russians proposed to retain five per cent of the payments it would appear that they had no immediate intention of evacuating Germany.

Italian newspapers made no comment on the Soviet note and their headlines reflected the caution with which it was treated.

The Christian Democrat newspaper Il Popolo carried the story on its back page. Only the Communist organ Unita was enthusiastic.

VERY SERIOUS

"With the General Assembly rapidly becoming in fact the principal organ of the United Nations," he continued, "it is important that the Communists do not win a seat in that body and our leadership should be exercised to prevent that from happening."

"To permit a revolutionary group such as the Mao government, which has been fighting the principal organ of the United Nations in Korea, to 'blast' its way into the United Nations would be a very serious matter, as far as the American public and the Congress of the United States are concerned."

Then he cautioned against a withdrawal from the United Nations.

He said: "The President, acting upon the advice of the Congress, could withdraw from the United Nations, but we must realize that if it ever became necessary for us to resort to such drastic action, it would undoubtedly mean the end of that organisation and a serious setback for the cause of world peace."

"Now that is exactly what some governments want. They want to see the United Nations scrapped so they can return to the old system of alliances and politics. I am sure that the American people do not want to revert to a jungle world, but will continue to work for decent and lawful world through the United Nations.—United Press.

CLEVER MOVE

By contrast West German newspapers splashed the news prominently.

West Berlin's Social Democratic Morgen said the Soviet note was a clever move.

"The Soviet note is full of traps. These should be the subject of negotiations. The Kremlin has poured a lot of water into the wine. The West must also be prepared to make concessions."

"The announcement said that the delegation would also be able to discuss any question relating to the 'German problem in general'."

Among those to go with the delegation in addition to Grotewohl, Ulbricht and Nuschke would be Dr. Lothar Bölk, Vice-Premier and Minister of Construction, Dr. Hans Loch, Vice-Premier and Minister of Finance, Hans Röschel, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Conservancy, Kurt Gregor, Minister of Foreign and Inter-German Trade, Rudolf Apelt, chief of the East German diplomatic mission in Moscow, Peter Florin, attaché at the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Correns, Chairman of the National Council of the Democratic German Republic, Herbert Wernke, Chairman of the Federation of Free German Trade Unions, Erich Honecker, Chairman of the Central Council of Free German Youth, and others—France Presse.

Central Africa's First Governor General

By Yorke Henderson

TO a sixty-year-old Dorset bachelor has been accorded the honour of being first Governor-General of the Central African Federation.

The job will be no sinecure. The eyes of the entire Commonwealth will be watching Central Africa and the man at its head.

But to old-Etonian, Lord Llewellyn, the job is a challenge—a challenge he will enjoy meeting.

For John Jekyll Llewellyn, 1st Baron, is no fair-weather pilot.

Since he emerged from political obscurity before the last war, he has been jolted one tough assignment after another. His first, as Civil Lord of the Admiralty, was overshadowed in the late thirties by lowering war clouds. He was a key member of the team which had to get a pitifully understrength navy into shape for the war; everyone knew must come.

Not the least wearing aspect of an already hard job was the incessant bugging from the Right Honourable Member for Epping, who had his own sturdy independent views about the Navy's state of preparedness and could speak from personal experience. His name: Winston Churchill.

When the war clouds did break, Colonel J.J. Llewellyn was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply. His job was to enthuse the public throughout the months of the "phony war" when people really believed that "the boys will be home by Christmas."

Then came the crash. And, as broken British battalions fought their way back to the various theatres of war,



LORD LLEWELLYN

Dunkirk benches, Colonel Llewellyn, regarded as one of the Government's most effective younger members, was switched into the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Throughout the fateful summer of the Battle of Britain that followed and beyond, he stayed the pace with his exacting boss, Lord Beaverbrook.

By the time they both left the Ministry in the summer of 1941 British air power was beginning to hit back and made itself felt.

Lord Beaverbrook went on to become Minister of State and Colonel Llewellyn into another top-pressure post, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport.

By Front Bench standards he was still a junior. But, as a Parliamentary Secretary of a key member of the Cabinet, much depended on his executive ability. His work had not passed unnoticed by his pre-war critic, The Right Honourable Member for Epping, and in June of 1942

he was given a £3,500

a year salary increase and the Presidency of the Board of Trade.

He held that post for what must be a short-term record. Three weeks after taking up his appointment he was transferred back to one of his old Ministries, Aircraft Production. But this time he was the head man.

Nine months later the Prime Minister sent for him to tell him he had been chosen for a new and vital post, Minister in Washington for Supply. His job would be to co-ordinate British and American war production and arrange for the allocation of supplies to the various theatres of war.

Tireless Efficiency

With the tireless, quiet efficiency which by this time had become his hallmark, he saw the new organisation through its teething troubles and working smoothly before, a year later, the final wartime call on his versatility was made.

In November of 1943 he returned from America to take over from Lord Woolton the unenviable job of wartime Minister of Food. He held the post until the end of the war and his elevation to the peerage.

But, testing as all his jobs have been, Lord Llewellyn seems to have thrived on difficulty.

The quiet-voiced, sandy-haired man refused to be overawed by sheer bulk of work and even under heavy pressure could find time for outside activities. While he was Civil Lord of the Admiralty he also commanded a Territorial Artillery unit and he still is President of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

He started his career as a barrister and to all problems

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Hollywood's gravy train comes to a sudden halt

— By —
DAVID LEWIN

London. IT was a wonderful honey-moon away from the worries of income tax. It was fun while it lasted for the Hollywood stars who found that travel not only broadened the mind but improved the bank balance. They could just stay away from America, work over-ses, and keep every cent they earned. No tax to pay at all. That was the law.

Now it is over. The long train is winding back home to Hollywood. It all started in December 1951. Then the U.S. Congress passed a new law which said that any American who spent 17 months out of 18 away from the U.S. would be excused paying American income tax during that time.

The law was intended to encourage American oil workers and key defence men to leave home and toil in not very appealing places like Alaska or the Middle and Far East.

Capital gain

BUT in Hollywood the smart accountants and lawyers soon realised how the tax-free offer could benefit their clients too. "Go to Europe," they said, "and make pictures there. Your salaries will be paid in dollars here in America and you will have it all—without any deductions—when you get back home. What a capital gain!"

Studios, with frozen funds here—money which they cannot send back to Hollywood—happily agreed to put stars in pictures in British studios.

Now Congress has changed its mind. The tax-free gravy train has come to a halt.

In future any American who stays away from home for 17 months at a time will be permitted to keep up to £7,000 tax free. But the tax collector will deal with the remainder in the usual way.

Among most of the Hollywood colony in London today there are long and anxious faces. Gregory Peck has been working his passage through the studios of London and Germany. Errol Flynn came to England and then went on to Italy to film.

Kirk Douglas went to Israel first and then Italy. Linda Turner and Ava Gardner are both in London. Gene Tierney went from Britain to France. Claude Colbert, breaking new ground, even tried a picture in Spain.

He's lucky

GENE KELLY, 39-year-old dancing star, has been lucky. He was the first Hollywood actor under the tax-free tape. At the end of his third European film recently he went smartly back home to pay to pay at all. Kelly came here just after the law was passed in December 1951.

Hollywood companies have already made their plans to meet the new situation. Twentieth Century Fox—because we have no suitable subjects—will suspend film-making in this country for at least a year. M-G-M, with studios at Elstree, will continue making films with big star names.

Fewer films will be made—but stars under contract can still be sent to work in England, like it or not.

Only the "free-lance" globe-trotting stars will stay under Californian skies.

Soon their accountants will get back to more routine methods of keeping down budgets. The big bonus days will be just a mink-lined memory.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



THIS GHASTLY AFFAIR MUST NOT BE HUSHED UP

I HAVE BEEN GOING BACK TO THE ROOTS OF A SHOCKING STORY . . . SO FAR TOO LIGHTLY BRUSHED ASIDE . . . WHICH IS DOING BRITAIN NO GOOD

By A.K. CHESTERTON

HERE is a file at the Foreign Office about whose existence the British public remains only dimly aware and the British Government obstinately silent.

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Is This What You Call CRICKET?

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, M.P.

It is a matter of no great importance, but for many years I have lived in Hamilton Terrace, less than half a mile from Lord's Cricket Ground.

Yet I never succumbed to the lure of cricket, and only attended Lord's when someone asked me to lunch during the Eton and Harrow Match. Having been brought up on baseball in my youth, I regarded cricket as a dull ritual that passed the limits of mere time and bordered on eternity.

My conversion came suddenly like all great conversions, and it was so complete that I now have the zeal of a prophet. In fact, when I had the honour of sitting opposite young Mr Holt of Australia at a recent dinner at the House of Commons, I felt that at last I was in touch with greatness.

I LOOKED IN

It was that Test Match at Lord's that did it. My old friend Lord Donegal sent me five rever tickets one for each day. On the opening day I paid no attention to the affair, although the cheers could be heard in our garden. On the second day I looked in on my way to Westminster and gazed upon the hallowed spot in company with some 30,000 of my fellow creatures. It seemed rather like much ado about nothing.

"This is all very graceful," I thought, "rather like a bullet in slow motion, but it is not a game." And just then the batsman hit a mighty swipe and the ball sped away into the distance. Someone let out a tremendous roar. To my astonishment I discovered it was my own voice.

For the rest of the match I either stole time to visit Lord's or watched it on television at home or at Westminster — the Socialists are quite mad about the game—and on the final morning I was at Lord's waiting for the gates to open.

ONE PUZZLING POINT

This is the only game where a player can be sustained for hours on end—to that degree is invented in which—while obeying the rules—so much is done to stave the ends against the other side.

As a convert, I am entirely in favour of every device that will confound the Australians' knavish tricks, but, in my innocence, I am dashed if I understand why cricket has become a

Fulham Success Plan Centres On Lawler

By HAROLD PALMER

Robin Lawler, a convert from left-half to left-back, is the key man in a simple Fulham promotion plan for the coming soccer season—and it is nothing more involved than passing to the unmarked man.

"What is wrong with English football is this fetish for drawing a man before passing," says manager Frank Osborne.

County Cricket Scores

London, Aug. 17. The following were the close of play scores of first-class cricket matches played today:

At Lord's: Middlesex 165 and 33 for two; Worcestershire 399 for nine declared (Deeks 73, Outchorn 52, Broadbent 84).

At Derby: Derbyshire 290 for nine declared (Walsh five for 64); Leicestershire 125 for six (Tompkin not out 70).

At Southend: Nottinghamshire 233 and 187 (J. Bailey seven for 32); Essex 178 (Jopson seven for 57) and 58 for four.

At Portsmouth: Warwickshire 201 and 85 for four; Hampshire 163 (Pritchard Ave for 49).

At Leeds: Yorkshire 323 for four (Leicester not out 103) Surrey 201 to bat. There was no further play after the luncheon interval owing to rain.

At Dover: Kent beat Somerset by eight wickets. Somerset 159 and 160 (Wright six for 64); Kent 231 and 78 for two.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 229 (Jones 58, Junes, eight arm medium, five for 60); Sussex 144 for three (Smith, not out 67).

At Chesterfield: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by an innings and 15 runs. Gloucestershire 184 (Tattersall, right arm, six for 46); Lancashire 224 (Berry, left arm, seven for 67).

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THE TEST MATCH

THE BALANCE SWINGS RIGHT OVER IN FAVOUR OF THE AUSTRALIANS

London, Aug. 17.

The second day's play in the fifth and final Test match has ended with the balance swinging right over into Australia's favour. After being 156 for three wickets, England collapsed to the extent of ending the day with 235 on the board for the loss of seven wickets.

The architect of this Australian success was the wily Bill Johnston who celebrated his return to international cricket by shattering England's hopes of a substantial first innings lead over Australia.

He clean-bowled Hutton when the England captain was well set and looked good for many more runs. After tea he had all the England batsmen out in two wickets and this on a plumb bat.

England's wicket was still playing perfectly easily and there were still Compton and Graveney. But even the most pessimistic of England supporters cannot have expected the happenings of the ensuing hour.

The Australian fielding was of the highest class throughout the day with Hutton, Davidson, Harvey and young Archer being particularly outstanding.

Compton spooned up a dolly catch to fine leg, and almost immediately afterwards Graveney hit a ball down slip's throat. Evans and Bailey hit merrily for a while and took the total past 200, but then an unfortunate misunderstanding resulted in Evans being run out.

—Laker, the hero of the Leeds Test, came out into the middle of his home ground, but only to make the most elementary of mistakes. Swinging at a ball outside the leg stump, he edged it to wicket keeper Langley standing back.

That was 235 for seven and England's prospects of a sound first innings lead lay moulder in the dust.

Edrich in particular was outstanding in this department and in one over clouted fiery Ray Lindwall to the boundary off successive strokes.

With the score at 37, however, England lost Edrich and with him the aggressive approach to the game. Peter May, Hutton's new partner, found it difficult to settle down in the face of the Australian pace attack, and the rate of scoring sagged sadly.

Lock now came to join Bailey who was again proving himself the best England batsman after Hutton. Time and again again he defied the whole Australian attack while the supposedly better batsmen are back in the dressing room.

Together, Lock and Bailey played out time showing for all the world the perfect state of the pitch.

Nevertheless, neither batsman ever gave the appearance of getting right on top of the bowling. They did look safe enough. Hutton especially, after a shaky start, seemed about to attempt his own 1885 marathon record of staying at the wicket for more than 13 hours.

The pair crept up towards the 100 mark and then the 100 partnership, 137 for one and England's hopes were looking bright. Too bright, alas, and soon two wickets fell to make the total 166 for three.

Even so the outlook gave ground for optimism. The pair had got through 166 for three and the last 100 runs were still to come. They might never have discovered Lawler, who as a full-back is rapidly attaining the class of Alf Ramsey, England and Tottenham.

It was late last season that Lawler was first tried full-back in a reserve game. "I was a bit scared at first," he said. "I didn't know how I'd go, but now I reckon it's a lot easier than my old job at left-half."

POWERFUL TACKLER

Edrie appreciated his development and Lawler played full-back against Austria.

As Fulham have also bought for about £60,000 a back in John Chennell, a powerful tackler and strong leader from Arsenal, they can justifiably expect better results.

(London Express Service)

COLONY JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following are the results of heats in several events in the Colony Junior Swimming Championships, organised and sponsored by the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association, which were swum off at the Victoria Recreation Club last night:

Men's 50 yards Free Style—First heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu (Ho Tin); 2. Chiu Sal-sang (Fortune); Time: 22.0 yards back-stroke; Men's 4 x 100 yards relay—First heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Second heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Third heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Fourth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Fifth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Sixth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Seventh heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Eighth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Ninth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Tenth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Eleventh heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Twelfth heat—1. Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu, Yiu Kwok-hu. Thirteenth heat—1. 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PETER WEST —23RD BEST IN HISTORY By "RECORDER"

The also-rans of athletics in the AAA Championships those who fail to finish in the first six—are the forgotten men of the British national press.

Among these was Peter West, former Hong Kong Champion in the 5,000 Metres, but for the fact that a little magazine for athletes, *Athletics World*, lists him as having finished eighth in the AAA Six Miles in 20 minutes 42.8 seconds.

In a description of the race, *Athletics World* says, "After Heskeath, five more men came streaming in before the 30 minutes was up, thus making the event the finest distance championship ever seen in any nation."

West, who already ranks as one of the world's ten best ever at 20 miles, in the history of organised athletics, ran himself into 23rd place on the all time ranking list over the standard Six Miles distance.

Ranking above him are such giants of the running track as Gordon Pirie, Emil Zatopek, Vito Helmo, Paavo Nurmi, Alain Mimoun, Taisto Munkki, Ilmari Salminen, Frank Sando and 14 others.

Though only eighth in the Six Miles at this year's AAA Championship, Peter West now ranks 12th on the all-time British list and 13th on the all-time Empire list.

DETERMINATION

West was a good runner in Hong Kong, but he did not out-class the opposition. He lost his 5,000 Metres Championship and his record to Derek Coburn in his last appearance in the Colony Championships and then lost the Cross Country race to the New Territories. The only track record he retains from his Hong Kong days is that for the Three Miles.

But Peter West is keen to succeed as an athlete. Did he belong to any other nation than Great Britain, international honours would have already come his way. In Britain, the richest country in history in good distance runners over the past two years, he is only eighth in the national ranking.

With his unquenchable determination, we may yet see him closing in on Gordon Pirie. West is in only his first year of national scale athletics.

In the AAA Three Miles, Charlie Smart, aged 43, a one-time running mate of Captain Norman Phillips, finished 18th in under 14 minutes 34 seconds. Peter is a very young runner in comparison with Charlie Smart.

Recreio Players Skipped By ABC Chairman Win

The Recreio at King's Park yesterday was the scene of an interesting game between a rink comprising leading players of Recreio, skipped by Mr. W. P. Eadie, the Chairman of the Australian Bowling Council, against a rink consisting of the officers of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association comprising Messrs. J. E. Noronha (President), M. N. Rakusen (Vice-President), J. G. Meyer (Hon. Treasurer) and M. B. Hassan (Hon. Secretary).

Mr. Eadie's rink consisting of Messrs. A. P. Pereira No. 1, C. P. Busto No. 2 and R. F. Lutz No. 3, jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the first head and went further ahead to 5-1 with a triple on the third head. The H.K.L.B.A. rink relented with a triple on the fourth to draw up 5-4.

This, however, was the closest they could get to Mr. Eadie's rink who by virtue of forceful and steady play went further ahead to eventually triumph by 20-11. The game ended on the 16th head owing to bad light and although conditions were not good, with a high wind blowing across the green, the game was enjoyed by both players and the large gallery watching it.



"PUFF-PUFF" AGAIN



Gordon "Puff-Puff" Pirie tries his feet successfully at a shorter distance to win the Emsley Carr Mile at the British Games at the White City in 4:06.8. Behind him is the American record holder, Wes Santee.

Cockell Of England Wipes Out Forever That Horizontal Jibe

By DESMOND HACKETT

Seattle, Aug. 8.

Saturday—and the winner is Don Cockell of England. Maybe this is ageing sports intelligence, but to me those are the most heart-rejoicing words heard in thousands of miles of travel with subdued and swindled Soccer teams and engulfed golf outfits.

This is the morning after the fight before, yet those words still ring with the gallantry of a bugler sounding a challenging cavalry call.

This is the shot in the arm for which British boxing has been yearning.

In this fight-crazy Pacific coast city of Seattle, British Champion Don Cockell wiped away with his able hands the bitter, sneering jibe at the British horizontal heavyweight.

Cockell . . . bleeding, weary, puzzled by the molasses grace of Harry Matthews, came from behind to win on points a 10-round fight that was all he-man action.

A MIRAGE

Still, today the air is filled with the moans and grases of Matthews's boss, Jack Hurley. In an unforgettable ninth-round recovery by Cockell, Hurley saw a fight horizon full of dollar bills fade into a moneyed mirage.

Hurley still suffers from the hangover of that dentist's waiting-room tension when the final scores were announced. Judge Ed Pinkman gives Matthews 51 points, Cockell 49 points. Judge Jim Grant gives Cockell 51%, Matthews 49%.

The 15,000 crowd seemed to stop breathing as the final count came: "Referee Jim Wilson gives Cockell 53 points. Matthews 45."

The breathless crowd gasped in surprise at this amazing margin, then stood to salute Cockell.

Hurley now demands a commission of inquiry into how Referee Wilson decided on his final count. It almost gives Cockell a walk-over.

CLOSE FIGHT.

The fight was never that. It was as tight as a fight-manager's purse strings. Cockell was maybe that fraction ahead because he was punching more smoothly, forcing the fight, moving smoothly if not over-quickly.

The only time Cockell really looked in trouble was in the sixth round. Incredibly, both were poised at the same time to swing punishment-packed punches. The faster Matthews got in first, crashed his glove against Cockell's left cheek.

The colourful crowd rose like a mass of confetti caught by a wind machine as Cockell stumbled back to the ropes. On his cheekbone a nasty cut pumped a steady stream of blood.

Grimly-named, Dr Moriarty—remember your villain of *Sherlock Holmes*?—examined the cut, delayed the start of the seventh round, and, for one shattering moment looked as though he might stop the fight.

Cockell—manly, enduring Cockell—again suffered bitterly.

Britain's Ryder Cup Team

London, Aug. 17.

The British Ryder Cup Golf team to play American at Wentworth in October will be chosen from J. Adams, P. Allis Jr., E. Brown, H. Bradshaw, F. Daly, M. Faulkner, J. Hargraves, B. Hunt, B. King, A. Lees, J. Pantin, B. Rees, N. Sutton, C. Ward and H. Wooldman.

H. Cotton is captain—*China Mail* Special.

TAKE A CHANCE, ENGLAND! GO AFTER THOSE AUSSIES WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!

Says GEORGE WHITING

Take a chance, England! Go after those Australians with all you've got in the fifth Test Match at the Oval. What if you lose? Nobody is going to be shot at dawn for getting a duck.

Australia—bereft for most of the tour of the "two way" bowling of Bill Johnston—have shown us in the four Tests this season that they are not afraid to gamble, not too timid to bowl at the stumps, and not too petrified to hit the ball that is over-pitched or short of a length.

With due respect to the stout heart of back-to-the-wall Bailey and the they-shall-not-pase heroes of Willie Watson, I suggest we have all seen just about enough of England cricketers in the role of last-ditch defenders.

STOGOMANIA
The straight bat is both essential and decent, but its purpose like that of the straight left in boxing, is primarily one of defence. Bradman got along pretty well without making the be-all and end-all of his batsmanship.

Nobody wants lamp-post cricket, or to see the technique and tactics of the game swamped in an outbreak of stogomania. But we are surely entitled to expect enterprise.

How long is it since we saw one of the first five England batsmen advancing down the wicket with a bat poised for slaughter, a la Hobbs?

Test Match bowling that waits for Test Match batsmen to flick at balls outside the off stump can bore the keenest of ticket purchasers after an hour or two. So can batsmanship cramped into apparent mortal terror by an array of slips and close-in leg fieldsmen.

But I still would rather see a Neil Harvey hitting the bowler off his toes than a Trevor Bailey compelled to do a Dunkirk because his pals have wobbled against the fire of Lindwall.

Win or lose the final Test, the finest thing that could happen to English cricket just now would be an Oval hundred before lunch from Len Hutton. To blazes with the consequences. Give us cricket, not six days of commercialised misery.

—*(London Express Service)*

DANGEROUS

The so-called Carmody-field is a threat to batsmen who care for the ball—but not to the man who hits it. No Australian captain would have dared to leave the front of the wicket almost unenforced by fieldsmen like Jack Hobbs, Frank Woolley or Charlie Barnett.

Nearly every shot in top-class England cricket these days seems to be dictated by dull care and dreary commercialism, and the cause of it is less of a spectacle be-

cause of it.

The inclusive cut, the sweep (keeping Compton's presence), the lusty pull and the straight drive have almost disappeared. Such stuff is "dangerous." All we get nowadays is the technically correct tickle and the apprehensive push to cover-point. I maintain that England's cricket technique, based on and inspired by the immortal Hobbs, is superior to that of the Australians. But technique in the hands of players who seem to be afraid of losing their jobs is a pale, spineless thing that rings few bells in the box-office.

NOT A FEUD

Test Matches are supposed to be a form of public entertainment, not a private feud between the hirings of two sets of employers. Cricket will still want crowds when the Australians have gone home.

I am probably an outcast, a moron, a stinker and a misfit.

Management Committee Chairman—Mr. R. Hanet; Grounds and Equipment Chairman—Mr. A. Ozorio; Umpire-in-Chief—Mr. Hal Wing Lee; Scorer in Chief—Mr. Tony Kwok; Press Relations Officers—Messrs. D. S. Ling and Lee Chi-hong.

Presiding at the meeting was Mr. Wally Mar, Chairman of the Association and "Doc" Molteni the Commissioner was also present.

Open Singles Quarter-finals On Thursday

The matches in the Colony Open Singles Championship quarter-final round due to be played off today at KCC have been postponed to Thursday, August 20, by mutual arrangement.

The postponed match between G. C. Norman and W. J. D. Cameron, for the right to enter the quarter-final round will take place this afternoon at the HKCC commencing at 5.15 p.m. The winner of this match will meet Joe Luz in the quarter-final.

The following is the programme:

Today at HKCC at 5.15 p.m.: G. C. Norman v W. J. D. Cameron.

Thursday, August 20, at 5.15 p.m.:

At KCC—C. Pereira v A. W. Hirock; winner of G. C. Norman v W. J. D. Cameron v A. Luz.

At HKCC—A. M. Omar v M. B. Hassan; C. H. Gough v J. Chubb.

OPEN PAIRS

R. M. V. Ribeiro and A. A. Lopes beat A. Bachoo and A. K. Omar 31-15 in a third round Open Pairs match at FRC yesterday. They meet the Luz brothers in the quarter-final.

—*(London Express Service)*

Each ship in the squadron is to enter one whaler and two dinghies.

On the first day there will be whaler and dinghy races for Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers, and Leading ratings. On the second day there will be Officers' events.

Following the rowing regatta, postponed from August 13, which is to take place on Saturday, August 22, the Fourth Frigate Squadron of the Royal Navy hope to hold a sailing regatta on September 1 and 2.

This is the first Naval sailing regatta to be held in Hong Kong waters for several years, and there will be whaler and dinghy races for officers as well as seamen.

The boats will start from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at Kellet Island and sail three times round Buoy B1 and Cusit Rock, finishing at the starting line.

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What has happened to Arsenal's defence? What a question to ask with the new season not even started, and Arsenal, League Champions for the seventh time in 17 seasons, too.

Cockell explained: "I thought I was the winner and did not want to risk my eye. I should have thrown more right hand punches in the ninth, but I could not move fast enough. My eye was throbbing and shaking Matthews took out of the race."

RED BADGE

Matthews takes the red badge of courage for coming back in the tenth round and chasing the points on to his own score sheet.

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that fraction ahead because he was punching more smoothly, forcing the fight, moving smoothly if not over-quickly.

But before you complain Arsenal fans start throwing let us be reasonable and take statistics before hysterics (writes Harold Palmer).

Look at the goals against column last season. This time Arsenal won the League in spite of their defence—rather than because of it.

No fewer than seven other First Division clubs had less goals scored against them than Arsenal. Chelsea (10th), and relegated Stoke each had only two more—66.

Just look at Arsenal's growing total of goals against over the last six years—32, 44, 55, 56, 61, 64.

HOW MANY?

How many in the coming season? The order goes out at Highbury that the increasing rate must be checked.

Mr. Cotton is captain—*China Mail* Special.

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"POYANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 26th Aug.
"SHENKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 26th Aug.
"FENGNING"	Djukarata, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 27th Aug.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 29th Aug.
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"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Aug.
"LAOMENON"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	23rd Aug.
"PERSEUS"	Marselles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Sept.
"CLYTONUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Sept.
"ASTYANAX"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Sept.
	Scheduled sailings from Europe	
	Sails	Arrives
8. "CLYTONUS"	Sailed	Hong Kong
G. "ASTYANAX"	do	22nd Aug.
S. "AENEAS"	do	29th Aug.
G. "PYRRHUS"	do	6th Sept.
G. "ASCANIUS"	18th Aug.	13th Sept.
G. "AGAPENOR"	24th Aug.	22nd Sept.
G. "CALCHAS"	3rd Sept.	24th Sept.
G. "PELEUS"	7th Sept.	13th Sept.
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"TELEMACHUS"	- do -	16th Aug.	14th Sept.
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Suggestions that modern American children are growing too rapidly under the influence of diets fortified with large quantities of vitamins have been made in the United States.

Some authorities feel that the opinion that "giants" of human size will face the danger of "giantism" and even of final extinction if the trend continues long enough.

The American Journal of Digestive Diseases says the vitamin craze is sharpening appetites for foods such as proteins and carbohydrates, stimulating growth and creating a new kind of youth.

SHORT LIFE

"Two decades ago a human of 15 years of age was likely to be a comparatively small individual with a child's viewpoint," the Journal says.

"Today, this human is much more likely to be a young giant, often well over six feet high, weighing from 14' to 15 stone, and definitely sophisticated."

It added that this trend could continue indefinitely. Ultimately it could lead to a race of giants with a short life expectancy.

I.T.T. "GIANTS"
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an average figure of 100 in 1940. — China Mail Special.

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Still Of The Night

IT was late in the evening and the rain was slashing down with seasonable savagery on the streets around King's Cross.

Except for an occasional newspaper or post-office van tearing with terrible urgency towards the main-line stations, the streets were deserted and silent.

Suddenly, in one, the quiet was shattered by the crash of breaking glass.

A policeman hurried from the shadows where he had been sheltering, towards where the sound had come from. There he found a tall, gaunt man standing before a smashed plate-glass window. Just inside the window lay the mangled bottle that had been thrown through it.

"THAT'S RIGHT, HE SAID
"YOU do that?" the policeman asked.

"That's right," the gaunt man said. The policeman took his arms and led him off to the police station.

Next morning the tall man, whose name was Henry, was shown into the dock at the Clerkenwell court.

He pleaded guilty to wilfully doing £17 worth of damage to the window, and a police officer went into the witness-box to tell the story to Mr. Blake Odgers, QC, the magistrate.

"This man suffers from tuberculosis, sir. I believe he was discharged from hospital only two days ago," the officer said.

The magistrate glanced towards the gaoler, at this court a large, friendly man, who said: "He's known, sir. There was a case similar to this once before, and there is a conviction for larceny."

APOLOGY IS RECORDED
MR. Blake Odgers turned to Henry and asked what he wanted to say.

"First," Henry said, "I'd like to apologise to the gentleman whose window I broke. I'd like to make that statement, sir." He sounded as though he wished his apology to be properly recorded.

The learned clerk wrote down his words. When he lifted his pen, Henry went on: "I was discharged from hospital two days ago, sir."

"I thought I'd go down to Margate and get some seasonal job. I got as far as Maidstone, and I was ill there, and an ambulance came and took me to the hospital."

"They hadn't got a vacancy there, and as I wasn't too bad, I thought I'd better get back to London. I came back here, sir, and I was looking for a job and . . . I've had bad luck before and . . ."

BUT DID YOU?
"Did you smash the window to get locked up?" the magistrate asked, not mincing matters.

Henry considered the question for a moment. "I don't think so, sir; no, I don't think that was it," he said. "I was just walking along slowly, that's the last I remember properly."

"I was looking for a job, then next thing I'd thrown the bottle . . . His words tailed off.

The officer in charge of the case stepped into the witness-box again to explain that Henry, for some reason, his fractiousness, perhaps, was non persona grata with several hospitals.

HE WAS UNSURE
"HAVE you anywhere to go now?" the magistrate asked.

"Yes, I've a sister," he said. "She could put me up." But he sounded unsure.

The magistrate turned to his clerk for a moment, then he said to Henry, "I shall remand you for a medical report."

"Thank you, sir, thank you," Henry said. He seemed about to say it a third time, but the gaoler gently led him away. Soon he would be back in the doctor's hands. Doctors had tried to help him before. Perhaps this time he would let them.

Fourth Railway Accident

Glasgow, Aug. 17. A driver and his firemen were injured in Glasgow today in the fourth crash on Britain's motor-linked railways in three days.

The two men were on commuting operations when their locomotive, the "Glenfinnan," had oversteered. They were sprayed by scalding steam as they crawled to safety. —Reuters.

Wrongful Exclusion Of Evidence As Ground For Appeal

A complaint that the Prosecution's failure to call two witnesses was detrimental to his client who was unrepresented at his trial was made by Mr. T. Shurlock (instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam) in an appeal this morning brought by Yim Hung-po before the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice Gould and Mr. Justice Reece.

Yim appealed against his conviction at the Criminal Sessions on May 27 of possession of arms and ammunition and control of explosive substances.

His Counsel argued that it would be a miscarriage of justice to allow him to serve the concurrent sentence of eight years passed on him by Mr. Justice Scholes.

Mr. Shurlock said that the grounds of appeal were: wrongful exclusion of evidence by the Prosecution; misdirection by the trial Judge—his failure to put the defence adequately to the jury; and that the verdict was against weight of evidence.

Mr. Shurlock said that the chief witness for the Prosecution, an ornithologist, all spoke of a certain "two men" other than the accused, who were present at 59 Ha Wong Road where the large arsenal of arms and explosives were found, and at the Prince's Hotel. The Prosecution made no attempt to find out from the witnesses who the two men were or what they were doing. These two men were in the hold of the Police, as they were at an identification parade and yet they were not called or even tendered in evidence.

SUBMISSIONS

Quoting an authority, Mr. Shurlock submitted it was the duty of the Prosecution in a criminal trial to call all material witnesses, whether favourable or not so that the jury could have before them all the material facts. This was more important when the accused was not defended. If the Prosecution did not do so then it was the duty of the trial Judge to call them as he was entitled to if he considered it to be in the interests of justice. If he did not call these witnesses he should in his summing-up refer to it and tell the jury that there was a reasonable presumption that the side withholding material evidence did so because it was unfavourable.

Mr. Shurlock said it was his submission that the two missing witnesses were material and they were on the premises for a definite purpose connected with the case. It might well be that if the jury heard their evidence they would have come to a different verdict.

Referring again to the evidence of the aman, Mr. Shurlock said she had told the Court that the appellant was a visitor to the flat. The Prosecution had to accept her evidence in toto or not at all. The appellant might well have visited the premises for an unlawful purpose but a visitor could hardly be said to be in possession and control of articles found under another man's bed.

Mr. Shurlock said that the co-accused of the appellant was the principal tenant of the flat and kept all his belongings under his bed in the cubicle. The bed as well as the suitcases were his personal effects and the appellant could not be said to have control over them.

THE SUMMING-UP

Coined referred to the Judge's summing-up and disagreed that knowledge conferred possession. It did not matter whether the appellant knew what was in the suitcases, he argued, submitting that the appellant at no time was in a position to exercise control over the articles nor were the suitcases in his custody at any point.

The appellant in his defence had indicated he was a Police Informer, continued Counsel. If the appellant had been legally represented at his trial, his Defence Counsel would have cross-examined the Police as to their source of information. In the absence of a Defence Counsel, it was the duty of the Prosecution, in order to lay all the facts before the jury, to ask the Police to divulge the source of their information, but the Prosecution did not do so.

Replying to the submissions of Mr. Shurlock, Crown Counsel, Mr. G. R. Sneath, said that originally four men were committed for trial on the two charges but subsequently a nolle prosequi was filed against two of them, and it was firmly believed that these two men were taking part in the matter as blackmailers rather than per-

Rescued From Plane Crash



Sergeant Roy Speers, who was rescued from the US aircraft which came down in the Atlantic recently, shakes hands with the master of the rescue ship, Manchester Shipper, which picked him up after he had been ten hours afloat. The aircraft, an atom bomber, was on its way to England when it crashed in flames into the Atlantic.—London Express.

Life Banishee Has Sentence Increased

A life banishee, Yip Sun, who had been given six months by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central for breach of a deportation order, and who appealed against the sentence, was asked by Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes on the Appeal Court this morning if he wished to abandon his appeal or carry on with it.

"In this case," His Lordship warned the prisoner, "I shall consider increasing the sentence."

After saying that he wished to carry on with the appeal, Yip said that he was first told by his solicitor, Mr. Lau, that he would be deported for 10 years only, and that it was only recently that he learnt he had been deported for life.

The prisoner asked for leniency.

Mr. Justice Scholes told Yip that he had a long list of previous convictions, involving house-breaking, unlawful possession and larceny.

He increased the sentence from six months to one year, saying that in his opinion the sentence imposed by the Magistrate should be two convictions, but only one ten-

tenancy.

Hearing is proceeding.

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Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Cayton, 8 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

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